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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. I.

An Act for continuing the Term and Powers of ſeveral Acts paſſed for repairing the Harbour and Quay of *Watchett*, in the County of *Somerſet*.

[22d *February* 1809.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for repairing the Harbour and Key of* Watchet, *in the County of* Somerſet, it was enacted, That from and after the Five and Twentieth Day of *March* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eight, for the Term of One and Twenty Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, there ſhould be paid the ſeveral Rates and Duties in the ſaid Act mentioned and expreſſed, for all Goods and Merchandizes exported, ſhipped, or laden or diſcharged at or within the ſaid Harbour or Key, and alſo the ſeveral Duties of Tonnage and Keelage for Ships, Hoys, Barks, and Veſſels, which during the ſaid Term ſhould come into the ſaid Harbour for Security and Preſervation (the ſaid Port or Harbour not being their diſcharging Port); and after the Expiration of the ſaid Term of One and Twenty Years, One Half of the ſaid Rates and Duties by the ſaid Act granted on the ſeveral Goods and Merchandizes therein mentioned was to continue to be collected for ever, in order for the raiſing a ſufficient Stock and Supply for keeping the ſaid Harbour and Key in good Repair: And whereas by a Clauſe in another Act, paſſed in the Tenth Year of her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for prolonging the Term for Payment of certain Duties granted by an Act, made in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of his late*

6 Anne, c. 8.

10 An. c. 14.

late Majesty King William, intituled, '*An Act for recovering, securing, and* '*keeping in Repair, the Harbour of* Minehead, *for the Benefit and Support* '*of the Navigation and Trade of this Kingdom*,' it was enacted, That all Goods shipped or discharged at a Place called *The Blue Anchor*, or *Cleave Steps*, or other Places adjoining to the said Harbour and Key of *Watchett*, should be chargeable with the Duties as if the Goods had been shipped or discharged within the said Harbour or Key of *Watchett*: And whereas by an Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of his Majesty King *George* the
7 G. 1. c. 14. First, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Duties granted by several Acts made in the Sixth and Tenth Years of her late Majesty's Reign, for repairing the Harbour and Key of* Watchett *in the County of* Somerset, the several Rates and Duties by the said Act passed in the Sixth Year of her said late Majesty's Reign, granted and made payable for the said Term of Twenty-one Years, were from and after the Expiration of the said Term, charged upon and made payable for the several Goods and Merchandizes, and also the Tonnage and Keelage of Ships and Vessels (in the said Act particularly mentioned and expressed) for and during the further Term of Twenty-one Years, to be computed from the Expiration of the said Term granted by the said Act of the Sixth Year of her said late Majesty's Reign: And whereas by an Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His present Ma-
10 G 3. c. 24. jesty, intituled, *An Act for further continuing the Duties granted and continued by several Acts made in the Sixth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Queen* Anne, *and in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King* George *the First, for repairing the Harbour and Key of* Watchett, *in the County of* Somerset, after reciting (amongst other Things) that it had been lately discovered, that the Term limited by the said Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of his Majesty King *George* the First, for collecting such of the said Rates and Duties (the Grant whereof was temporary only) did expire on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty, but that through Ignorance of such Expiration the whole of the said Rates and Duties had been continued to be collected and applied as before; and after reciting that the said Harbour and Key, soon after the passing the first-mentioned Act, were repaired, and a large Pier erected at a very great and the sole Cost and Expence of Sir *William Wyndham* Baronet, Grandfather of *George* then Earl of *Egremont*, now *George Obrien* Earl of *Egremont*; and that the same Harbour, Key, and Pier had ever since been repaired and supported by the said Sir *William Wyndham*, *Charles* late Earl of *Egremont*, and *George Obrien* now Earl of *Egremont*, Lords of the said Manor of *Watchert*, for the Security of the Ships and Vessels riding in the said Harbour, and the Preservation of the said Town and the Inhabitants thereof from the Inroads of the Sea, at a great annual Expence; and that it had been found by long Experience that such of the said Rates and Duties, the Grant whereof was made perpetual to the Lords of the said Manor, so long as they should repair the said Harbour, had not proved, nor were likely to be sufficient to defray the current Expences of the Repairs and other incident Charges; it was enacted, That all and every the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, by the said Act passed in the Sixth Year of her said late Majesty's Reign, granted and made payable for the said Term of Twenty-one Years therein mentioned, and by the said Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King *George* the First continued and made payable for the said further Term of Twenty-one Years computed as therein mentioned, should from and after the First Day of *May* in the then present

Year, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy, be revived and further continued, charged upon, and made payable for the ſeveral Goods and Merchandizes; and alſo the Tonnage and Keelage of Ships and Veſſels (in the ſaid Act of the Sixth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign particularly mentioned and expreſſed) for and during the further Term of Forty Years, to be computed from the ſaid Firſt Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy, and until the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament: And whereas the Rates and Duties, the Grant whereof was made perpetual by the ſaid Act paſſed in the Sixth Year of her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, to the Lords of the ſaid Manor, ſo long as they ſhould repair the ſaid Harbour, have not proved, nor are by any Means ſufficient to defray the ordinary Expences of the Repairs thereof, and other incidental Charges: And whereas the ſaid Harbour is of great Uſe for the Security of Ships and Veſſels in Diſtreſs paſſing to and from the Ports of *Briſtol* and *Bridgewater*, and other Parts adjacent lying on the Coaſt: And whereas the ſaid Pier is become ſo very weak and unſound in many Parts, that it is frequently ſubject to many Breaches from the Violence of the Sea, which there rages in an extraordinary Degree, and which, if not inſtantly repaired, would inevitably endanger the whole Harbour and Pier, and the Safety of the ſaid Town and its Inhabitants; but for all which neceſſary Demands no effectual Proviſion can be made without a conſtant Stock and and Supply of Money for that Purpoſe: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That all and every the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money which by the ſaid Act, paſſed in the Sixth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, were granted and made payable for the ſaid Term of Twenty-one Years therein mentioned, and by the ſaid Clauſe in the ſaid Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, granted and made payable, and by the ſaid Act paſſed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his ſaid Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, continued and made payable for the ſaid further Term of Twenty-one Years, computed as therein mentioned, and by the ſaid Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, revived, continued, and made payable for the ſaid further Term of Forty Years, computed as therein-mentioned, ſhall, from and after the Expiration of the ſaid laſt-mentioned Term, be further continued, charged upon, and made payable for the ſeveral Goods and Merchandizes, and alſo for the Tonnage and Keelage of Ships and Veſſels (in the ſaid Act of the Sixth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign particularly mentioned and expreſſed) for and during the further Term of Forty Years, to be computed from the Expiration of the ſaid laſt-mentioned Term, granted by the ſaid Act of the Tenth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and until the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; and that the ſaid ſeveral Rates and Duties by the ſaid firſt-mentioned Act, and by the ſaid recited Clauſe in the ſaid Act made in the Tenth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, granted and made payable, ſhall, for and during the ſaid additional Term, be demanded, raiſed, levied, collected and taken, and ſhall be managed, diſpoſed of, accounted for, and paid by the ſame Ways, Means, and Methods, and by ſuch Rules and Directions, and with and under ſuch and the like Powers and Authorities, and under ſuch and the like Penalties, Forfeitures, and Proviſoes, and for ſuch Intents and Purpoſes, as are preſcribed, mentioned, enacted, declared, provided,

Rates and Duties further continued.

and expreſſed in the ſaid recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, or in the ſaid Clauſe in the ſaid Act made in the Tenth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, or in the ſaid Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Firſt, or in the ſaid Act of the Tenth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or in this preſent Act, for or concerning the ſaid Rates and Duties by the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, granted and hereby continued, or any of them, or any Part thereof; and that the ſaid Act of the Sixth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, and the ſaid Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and every Clauſe, Proviſo, Power, Authority, Rule, Article, Matter and Thing therein reſpectively contained, and alſo the ſaid recited Clauſe in the ſaid Act of the Tenth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, ſhall continue and be in full Force and Effect, and be exerciſed and executed for and during the ſaid additional Term hereby continued, to all Intents and Purpoſes, for raiſing, levying, collecting, ſecuring, applying, diſpoſing of, and accounting for the ſaid Rates and Duties thereby granted, and hereby continued and made payable, and for the better and more orderly Government of the ſaid Port and Harbour, as fully and effectually as if the ſame and every of them were particularly expreſſed, repeated, and re-enacted in the Body of this preſent Act.

Public Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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